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MotoGP: Ogura wins Assen GP.

Aprilia's Perfect Dance

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USPA NEWS - The TT Circuit Assen, cathedral of speed, has always had its own way of choosing winners. Here, being fast is not enough: you must be fluid, precise, almost elegant. In 2026, however, the Dutch track witnessed something more than a simple race. It saw a demonstration of technical and mental strength, a symphony orchestrated in Noale that placed three RS GP machines on the podium, in an order that marks a new era.

Ogura: the first victory that changes a career
Ai Ogura did not just win a race. He wrote a chapter. The Japanese rider of the Trackhouse MotoGP Team built his first victory in the top class with a maturity rarely seen in a rider at the start of his debut season. His RS GP seemed to glide over the asphalt like water, without a single hesitation, without a single uncertainty.
• Surgical start, with no waste.
• Constant pace, always one tenth faster than his pursuers.
• Impeccable tyre management, especially in the third sector, where Assen becomes a sharpened blade.
Ogura took the lead on lap fifteen, executing a clean and decisive overtake on Raul Fernández at the "Ramshoek", a manoeuvre that made the grandstands tremble. From there, he simply pulled away, as if the track had suddenly become his own.

Raul Fernández: a second place that marks a rebirth
Raul Fernández rode like a man who had finally found the key to the RS GP. Second place is not a fallback: it is confirmation that the Spanish rider is now an integral part of the Aprilia project, capable of interpreting the bike with sensitivity and aggression.
Fernández rode an intelligent race, staying in the lead for much of the first half, exploiting the RS GP's stability in fast corners and its ability to brake late without losing composure. When Ogura arrived, Raul chose the best strategy: do not force, do not risk, bring home valuable championship points.
His second place is a manifesto: Raul is back, and Assen has consecrated him.

Jorge Martín: a third place worth gold
Jorge Martín completed the triumph with a third place that reflects his evolution as an Aprilia rider. Starting from the second row, he had to build his race with patience, avoiding mistakes and managing a group of fierce chasers. His RS GP showed impressive stability in the chicanes, allowing him to defend and attack with the precision that defines him.
With this third place, Jorge strengthens his position in the world championship fight, becoming the new championship leader.

The RS GP 2026: a machine that no longer makes mistakes
Assen confirmed what had already been sensed in previous races: the RS GP 2026 is a mature, stable, powerful and — above all — predictable motorcycle. The work of the Noale technicians has reached a level of refinement that allows riders to exploit every millimetre of the track.
• Refined aerodynamics, perfect for the fast Dutch corners.
• Impeccable electronics, which allowed Ogura and Fernández to manage the race without errors.
• A fluid yet explosive engine, ideal for rapid direction changes.
Three Aprilias on the podium are no coincidence: they are the consequence of a technical project that has reached full maturity.

The drama of Marco Bezzecchi: the crash that froze Assen
Aprilia's celebration could have been even greater. Marco Bezzecchi, the rider who contributed more than anyone to the development of the RS GP 2026, was perfectly in the game. His lap times in practice and warm up had been reference level: fluid, consistent, surgical. His race pace placed him unquestionably among the protagonists of the Dutch afternoon.
The crash was long, brutal, accompanied by an abrupt silence from the crowd. The RS GP continued its run into the barriers, while

Marco rolled through the gravel in a white cloud that made the entire paddock hold its breath.

Relief after the fear
For long seconds, Assen remained suspended. Then, finally, Bezzecchi was taken to the Clinica Mobile: sore, but conscious. Doctors confirmed several contusions but, apparently, no fractures. He was then transferred to Groningen Hospital for further examinations. His race was over, but his season was not.

A missing protagonist
It is impossible not to think about what could have happened. With that pace, with that confidence, Bezzecchi could have been part of Aprilia's celebration. Perhaps a fourth place, perhaps a podium, perhaps — why not — a duel with Ogura.
Assen denied him glory, but not respect. And his contribution to the development of the RS GP 2026 remains one of the pillars of the project.

Assen 2026: the day that changes history
Aprilia's triple podium at Assen is not just a sporting result. It is a symbol. It is proof that the Noale factory has become an absolute protagonist of MotoGP, capable of dominating on technical, fast and unpredictable tracks.
Ogura, Fernández and Martín have written a page that will remain in the annals. A page that speaks of talent, work, vision. A page that officially opens the new Aprilia era.

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